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Instructions have also been issued for the investigation and execution of schemes for new irrigation works and improvements to existing works by the Minor Irrigation staff. A copy of G.O. No. 2314,[a] Revenue, dated 16th November 1927, is placed on the table.

As regards repairs to minor works to be carried out by the Public Works Department, the question of accelerating their execution was recently considered by Government and two additional divisions, one for the Madras Circle, including the Ceded districts, and another for the Bezwada Circle, have been sanctioned with the necessary additional establishment. A copy of G.O. No. 1814 I.,[b] dated 25th July 1928, on the subject is placed on the table.

Improvement of the water-supply in the Palar river.

* 202 Q.—Mr. C. Venkatarangam Nayudu: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Government will be pleased to lay on the table a statement showing the number of days or months for which water was received in the Kaverippakkam, Mayendiravadi and Dusi tanks (North Arcot district) in the Palar anicut system since the resettlement in 1914;

(b) whether there is any proposal to augment the supply of water in the Palar; and

(c) whether the Government will lay on the table a statement showing—

(1) the extent of the ayacut,

(2) the total assessment, and

(3) the amount of remissions granted under the aforesaid three tanks within the past five years?

A.—(*a*), (*b*) & (*c*) Information on these points has been called for.

Mr. T. Adinarayana Chettiyar:—"May I ask the hon. the Revenue Member whether the Kaverippakkam tank received its normal supply of water only once during the last ten years?"

The hon. Sir Norman Marjoribanks:—"The information that we have is that the tank has received supply 64 times within twenty years."

Mr. T. Adinarayana Chettiyar:—"That is not an answer to my question."

Irrigation of lands under the Muniyeru channel.

* 203 Q.—The Zamindar of Mirzapuram: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased (i) to place on the table a statement showing (*a*) the areas cultivated with wet crop under the Muniyeru channel in each fasli from 1866 to 1927, (*b*) the amount of expenditure incurred by the Zamindar of Chintalapati Vantu for the construction, development and maintenance of the irrigation scheme, and (*c*) the revenue realized by him during each of the years in the said period and (ii) to state—

(*a*) whether ever since the Zamindar of Chintalapati Vantu was authorized in B.P. No. 7888, dated 31st October 1866, to execute the Muniyeru channel work at his own cost and make necessary arrangements, the Government have considered the desirability of taking up the project

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[a] Printed as Appendix III on page 412–413 infra. [b] Separately laid on the table.